

“Grace under fire”

Matthew 5:5

“I consciously chose to commit all my life and will to Christ’s care and control.”

Principle: The way to ____-control is ____-control.

Principle: Meekness is not ____ but strength under control.

“Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has not control over his spirit.” Proverbs 25:28

Five ways to be graceful under fire:

1. Be _____

“Don’t just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others too, and in what they are doing. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 2:4, 5

2. Be _____

“If a person is trapped in some sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens.” Galatians 6:1, 2

3. Be _____

“A gentle answer quiets anger but a harsh word stirs it up.” Proverbs 15:1

“In the essentials we have unity; in the non-essentials we have liberty; in all things we have love.”

4. Be a _____

“Counsel in the heart of man is like a deep well. But the man of understanding will draw it out.” Proverbs 20:5

5. Be ____-_____

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest (happiness) for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

Spirit – The part that deals with right and wrong _____

Soul – The mind, _____ and will

Body – The body houses our spirit and soul during our _____ life

“A spiritual man is not a man born again, but a man born again and walking in alignment.” Watchman Nee

“Jesus Christ, I need Your Spirit of power in my life. And I need Your Spirit of love and I need Your Spirit of self-control. I ask You to put Your spirit in me. I need you to help me. This next week when people serve me, help me to be understanding, especially at home. And Jesus Christ, when people disappoint me, help me to be gentle, not judgmental. And when people disagree with me, help me to be tender without surrender. When people want to correct me and offer suggestions, help me to be teachable and not unreachable. And Lord, when people hurt me, help me to be an actor and not a reactor, to choose to respond with love and forgiveness and not react in retaliation. But to leave that to you. I want to be like You, Jesus Christ. I need Your help and power in my life.”